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## PREFACE

122 This is one of five monographs prepared by the staff of the China Project at Stanford University in fulfillment of a twelve-month subcontract with the Human Relations Area Files, Incorporated, New Haven, Connecticut.

121 The main purpose of this monograph is to present insofar as possible a concise account of the social, economic, and political conditions and problems of the East China Region, which is comprised of the provinces of Shantung, Kiangsu, Anhwei, Chekiang, and Fukien. Although primary emphasis is placed on developments since the Chinese Communists assumed the reins of government in the latter part of 1949, whenever necessary the region's past is touched upon.

127 It may be helpful to point out to readers unfamiliar with the Chinese source material used for the preparation of this monograph that, generally, official publications published before 1949 in Nanking or Chungking were of Nationalist origin, whereas those dated from 1949, unless their place of publication is Taipei, Hong Kong, or some other non-Communist area, are Communist sources. Moreover, two sources, the

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# Author's Note

The great range of published materials bearing on the problems treated here has made for the usual difficulties which confront the student of China. In a narrower sense, neither scholars nor events have stood still since this book was first written. For example, S. F. Wright's *Hart and the Chinese Customs* might have been drawn on much more fully had it not come into my hands during that limbo between the supposed completion of a book and its actual publication. Recent works such as this are noted here wherever possible, but many of them could not be thoroughly used.

Having chosen a subject as dynamic as Shanghai, in a setting of violent and revolutionary change like modern China, I suppose that complaints about problems of obsolescence are clearly out of order. Realizing this in a more general way, I have tried to write about Shanghai and modern China in their geographic setting in a manner which will be meaningful and instructive regardless of changes which may occur, and are now occurring.

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